**ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS**

**FOURTH ANNUAL RIVER SYMPOSIUM**

The fourth annual Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association River Symposium will be held Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Vermilionville Historic Village. This year's focus is working collaboratively, within our larger community, to make a regional effort toward water management, water quality, and quality of life. Following the symposium, attendees are invited to a sunset river cruise.

Registration cost is $27 for general admission or $5 for students. Registration fee includes lunch, cruise and a reception at Ruffino’s. [Follow this link](http://www.bayouvermilion.com) to find out more or register for the symposium.

**RESOURCES**

**COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY EDUCATOR RESOURCES**

With Louisiana’s newly passed 2017 science standards comes a new opportunity to educate the next generation of students about the significance of our coast. Connect with Watch the Delta Grow to access a lesson plan, data, and activities, aligned with the new state middle school science standards; extensions included for high school level environmental science.


**GRANTS**

**NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK MINI-GRANTS**

Restore America’s Estuaries and CITGO are providing mini-grants of up to $3,000 for organizations to host National Estuaries Week events during the annual celebration from Sept. 16-23, 2017. These grants are intended to provide groups funding and capacity to host new events or to increase the impact of existing events to celebrate National Estuaries Week. Funds should be used to support event activities; for example, to purchase trash bags and gloves for a shoreline cleanup or to purchase plants and tools for a restoration event.

Find more details on the [Request for Proposals flyer](http://www.restoreamerica.org/national-estuaries-week). And find the application form [here](http://www.restoreamerica.org/national-estuaries-week).

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